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REMARKS

Applicant's undersigned attorney would like to thank the Examiner for taking the

time to discuss the application, and more specifically for discussing the foregoing

amendments to the claims. In the present amendment, the claims have been amended

to the form that the Examiner indicated would place the application in a condition for

allowance.

In the amendment, claim 1 has been amended to include the features of claim

29, and claim 29 has been cancelled. Further, claims 31-46 have been cancelled, and

will be pursued in a divisional application. The status of previously withdrawn claims

14-28 has been changed, as these claims depend from allowable claim 1.

It is respectfully submitted that the present amendment does not raise any new

issues requiring further search or consideration by the Examiner. Therefore, and as

discussed previously with the Examiner, the present amendment should be entered and

the present application passed to issuance.

Amended claim 1 includes the feature of the 'tongue lock' and specifies that

actuation of the tongue lock to release the tongue precedes operation of the actuator to

move the tongue. As acknowledged during our telephone conversation, including these

further features of the invention in claim 1 overcomes the rejections based upon the

Simjian patent.

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is

in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is

determined that the application is not in a condition for allowance, the Examiner is

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invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 18-0160, our Order No. HON-15052.

Respectfully submitted,

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